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AIM TO INCREASE YIELD OF FARMS IN MICHIGAN

Hon. Jason Woodman Tells of Work Mapped Out by Agricultural Department. Will Be of Vast Importance to Farmers.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has awakened to the fact that the best thing Uncle Sam can do at the present time is to inaugurate a system whereby information relative to improved methods of farming may be disseminated, in order that the vast amount of what is now termed waste land may be made productive and at the same time to help materially increase the already large production of the farms of the country. The department is alive to the fact that with the continually increasing flow of immigration one of two things is inevitable—either the land already under cultivation must be made to produce more or we must soon import from other countries. In other words, computing our future immigration on the basis of what has been in the past, the percentage of increase in farm products will not be great enough to take care of the increase of population.



HON. JASON WOODMAN

The department at Washington is working in co-operation with the agricultural colleges of the various states and is selecting the men best qualified along the lines of scientific farming from among those who have had sufficient training to enable them to impart their knowledge to others. There are already five such men in Michigan who have charge of as many districts, among whom is Hon. Jason Woodman of Paw Paw, who has been assigned to Kalamazoo county. Mr. Woodman has already entered upon his duties, and although the present season is unpropitious for farming operations, he is constantly gathering data, and as soon as the spring starts will be in position to make practical demonstrations among the farmers of Kalamazoo county.

In conversation with a representative of this paper Mr. Woodman gave an idea of the extent to which the govern-

ment is working along these lines and also some information regarding his own work.

"In the first place," said Mr. Woodman, "the means of agricultural instruction that have been used in the past don't reach the average farmer to a sufficient degree to materially change his agricultural methods. Now, I have found in my experience that every farmer, no matter to what extent he conducts his business, knows some one thing better than anyone else, and if all this knowledge could be gathered and put together and to it added the knowledge gained by the experiment stations and this knowledge carried directly to the farmer on his farm, it would show him that the production of his farm can be increased and that he will have a desirable increase to his income. Farmers as a class do not pay attention enough to the lessons they might learn from their neighbors' experiences. The farmers of the country, working with the county superintendents of agriculture, should and probably would become intelligent students of our improved methods and much more advancement would be made. The agricultural department is doing everything possible to advance the interests of the agriculturists of the country. They are employing men who are graduates of the best agricultural colleges—scientifically trained men—men who are less liable to make mistakes than the untrained man. The department will co-operate with the various county boards, commercial clubs, boards of trade, etc., of cities interested and the expense of these experiments will be shared among the various organizations. It is my intention to make a thorough study of the soils of the county—especially of the prairie soils, of which there is a great deal in Kalamazoo county. I also find out the best paying crops for other soils and just what will be the most productive. Every bit of land, no matter how unproductive it may appear, can be made to yield a profitable crop, and we propose to find just what particular crop is best for each kind of soil. This will all take time and lots of hard work and perseverance, but the results will be certain. I will visit each farm where the experiments are to be made and not only show the farmer how things ought to be done, but will actually do it, so that there will be no doubt in the matter. My plan is to help in everything that is needed—the preparation of the ground, the seeding and the harvesting, and if I get a suggestion from one farmer I will pass it on to the next. I expect to visit the Illinois Agricultural college sometime during the winter in order to familiarize myself with the components of prairie soil. I shall probably also go to Washington and will spend some time in the agricultural department, getting the latest pointers, and will bring back what information I may obtain for the benefit of the farmers of this section of Michigan."

ATTORNEY BURHANS SELECTS ASSISTANT

Lynn J. Lewis the Well Known Barrister Attorney, Will Assist the New Prosecutor-Elect the Coming Year.

Prosecuting Attorney-elect Burhans has selected Attorney Lynn J. Lewis of Bargar as his official assistant. One element that tended to decide the choice of Mr. Lewis for the position was his location in the northern part of the county, where he can attend to criminal matters, not only at his own town, but where he is easy of access to South Haven and Hartford, and can attend to minor criminal matters in the western part of the county without the presence of the prosecutor in person, and at much less expense to the people.

LARGE ESTATE PROBATED

Probate Judge, David Anderson, recently entered an order closing the estate of Charles C. Robinson, deceased. This is the largest estate probated while Judge Anderson has been on the bench, if not the largest in the history of the county. The inventory shows that the deceased left an estate valued at \$280,000.00, consisting of real estate, stocks and bonds. Mr. Robinson acquired his property in the wholesale grocery business which he conducted in Lafayette, Indiana. Later he retired, moved to South Haven and purchased a home where he died soon after. Frank P. Robinson, a son of the deceased, acted as administrator, and Glenn E. Warner was the attorney.

THE MACHINE THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE

It's No Longer the "Hand" that Rocks—That's Too Old Fashioned for the 20th Century.

Some one who considered themselves very wise, a long time ago made the broad assertion that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Now that sounded good and has passed for ages as a truth; but times have changed and with it opinions seem to differ.

In walking up Main street one morning this week a representative of this paper noticed in Lake's furniture store window, a cradle. There was nothing remarkable about the cradle with the exception of its apparent animation. No one near it, but it was swinging in a lazy, sleepy way that suggested solid comfort. Upon investigation it proved to be an automatic baby tender. It winds up and is warranted to rock for one hour. We listened and would not have been surprised to hear a crooning voice singing "bye baby."

Think of it. Give the baby a sanitary bottle of Mellin's food, put it in the cradle, wind up the spring and go down to the polls.

Never.

The man who goes out to meet trouble never happens to take the wrong road.

BEAUTY COMBINED WITH USEFULNESS

Such is the Stock Displayed by the Emporium for the Holiday Trade of 1912.

The many readers of The True Northerner no doubt read the large advertisement of the many bargains offered at The Emporium in this village, which appeared in our columns last week. To those who did not read it we can only say that they missed something and that they had better closely scan the advertisement of this well known store which will be found in this week's issue.

In conversation with Mr. Hall, proprietor of The Emporium, we were surprised to learn of the extent to which he has gone in order to meet the demands which will be made during the days of the holiday purchasing. "We have," he said, "the finest and largest stock of needwork articles ever shown in Paw Paw. This class of goods will appeal to buyers of Christmas presents as nothing else can, unless it be books. They are not only dainty and beautiful to look at but they are useful as well and a gift from our needwork department means a well satisfied recipient and a feeling of satisfaction on the part of the giver. Another thing it is not necessary to go away from Paw Paw to buy this class of goods, as our prices are, we are willing to guarantee, as low as can be found anywhere in south western Michigan. It is a mistaken idea for people to think that they must go to a large city to trade. We can not only undersell the big merchants, but can equal them in quality as well.

"Take for instance our book department. How many stores can show a better selection? A person can find almost any kind of a book he wants, and when it comes to price, we have got them all beat. Books make about as substantial a Christmas gift as can be made, and we have made ample provisions in this line.

"Yes, I look for a pretty good trade for the next couple of weeks. Our stock is such as will appeal to the careful—you might say the sensible and economical buyer—and with the publicity we give it, have no fears but what we shall get a good big slice of the holiday trade. No we don't expect to carry over very much of our holiday stock—it will all go. We have had people come into our store and tell us that there is nothing to compare with our line anywhere in this part of the state and we know that our stock will move."

NOTABLE WOMEN GUESTS OF COTERIE

President of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Michigan and Hartford Lady Visit Paw Paw.

Mrs. Elinore Chamberlain, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Michigan, and Mrs. Hubbard of Hartford were guests of the Coterie club Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Chamberlain entertained the ladies with two readings. The first, "Madam Butterfly," a rather pathetic love story of a Japanese maiden, was given in an artistic manner. In response to an encore Mrs. Chamberlain gave a pleasing selection. As this number gave explicit directions for nooking a wife's waist in the back, the information, no doubt, would have been appreciated by the absent husbands. The second number presented was the "Happy Prince," by Oscar Wilde, to a piano accompaniment by Mrs. Claire Harrison and was much enjoyed by the large audience that greeted Mrs. Chamberlain.

Mrs. A. H. Hindenach's skillful arrangement of the chrysanthemums and the Japanese decorations made an appropriate setting for the afternoon program.

While in town Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Hubbard were guests of Mrs. M. L. Decker.

CORDIAL WELCOME EXTENDED

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stewart and two children of Kalamazoo arrived in Paw Paw last Tuesday evening. Mr. Stewart has accepted a position with The True Northerner and will act in the capacity of foreman. "Mose" is an old Van Buren county boy, his early life being spent in South Haven. He has been greeted numerous times during the past week with a hearty handshake from people here who have assured him that he is welcome, if for no other reason than that he is the son of his father, Capt. Ed. Stewart, who had many friends here. The family will eventually move their household goods here and make this their home.

NOTICE

Your water bill is due. Pay the village clerk before December 25. 4512

SOME CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE

The Game Laws of Michigan Have Been Revised. Changes are of Minor Importance.

Following are the new Game Laws in effect 1911 and 1912:

Game Birds

Quail—Unlawful to kill or take until 1915.

Homing Pigeons and Mourning Doves—Unlawful to capture or kill at any time.

Non Game Birds

Unlawful to kill, capture or have in possession, excepting blackbirds, English sparrows, crows, Cooper's hawks, sharp-shinned hawks and great horned owls.

Game Animals

Deer—Open season from October 15 to November 30, inclusive.

Dogs—Unlawful to use in hunting deer or to have in deer hunting camp.

Rabbits—Open season from October 15 to March 1, inclusive. Unlawful to use ferrets or guinea pigs in hunting.

Squirrels—Unlawful to hunt fox, black or gray until 1914.

Fur Bearing Animals

Beaver—Unlawful to kill until January 1, 1913, and then only from November 1 to May 14 inclusive, in each year, after obtaining permission of owner of lands, and permit from county clerk. Fee for permit, \$10.00, only fifteen to be taken under each permit, and then only four from any one colony or family.

Bear, Otter, Fisher, Martin, Fox, Mink, Raccoon and Skunk—Unlawful to take, trap or kill from April 1 to November 1.

Muskrat—Unlawful to take, trap or kill from April 15 to November 1.

Fish

Bass—Open season from June 15 to February 1. Unlawful to take from inland waters except with hook and line. Unlawful to sell.

Small Mouthed and Big Mouthed Black Bass—Unlawful to take more than ten in any one day or have in possession more than ten at any one time. Unlawful to take less than ten inches in length.

Strawberry, white, silver or Calico Bass—Unlawful to sell or offer for sale.

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PARCELS POST SYSTEM SOON TO BE INAUGURATED

After January First It Will Be Possible to Send Parcels by Mail at Greatly Reduced Rates. Of Great Benefit to Rural Patrons.

The much discussed Parcels Post will be inaugurated in the United States January first next. Postmasters and postal employees all over the country are preparing for the service, and the post office department at Washington are working night and day to get the necessary equipment and instructions out in time.

It is anticipated that this new branch of the postal service will be liberally patronized, and that it will prove a great convenience and saving to the country at large.

The parcels post rates will apply to the fourth class matter or merchandise only. The class of matter that has heretofore been mailed as first, second or third class cannot be mailed under the parcels post rates. In other words the parcels post does not change the class of matter to be mailed and is applicable to the fourth class, which is the merchandise class only.

The parcels post will not change the rate on merchandise packages up to four ounces in weight. Such packages will be mailed, as in the past, at a flat rate of one cent per ounce. The new rate will apply to packages that weigh over four ounces and up to eleven pounds.

Postmasters have already received the official parcels post maps. These maps divide the United States in zones, with the local post office as the center or unit. For instance, the map for use in the Paw Paw office starts with Paw Paw as the unit. Circular lines are drawn about Paw Paw dividing the country into distinct zones and a table, which is published herewith shows the postage rate for each zone.

It is anticipated that merchants will

take advantage of the cheap rate to send groceries and miscellaneous packages of merchandise to their customers on the routes, and likewise rural patrons will send their produce to market by mail. A package weighing one pound can be sent from a patron on the route to a merchant, or to some patron on another route for the nominal fee of five cents, and a package that weighs eleven pounds can be thus transported for the sum of fifteen cents. A farmer in the busy times, who does not care to take the time to come to town, can use the telephone to order his supplies and can have them sent out by parcels post. Thus it will be seen that the convenience and saving in a local way cannot be over-estimated.

There are several important features in connection with this new branch of the postal service that should be borne in mind by the patrons of the office.

Some of the features are as follows: Only fourth class matter can be sent by parcels post. Under no consideration may first, second and third class matter be sent by parcels post. Ordinary postage stamps cannot be used on packages sent by parcels post. There will be distinctive parcels post stamps for this purpose, and such matter bearing ordinary postage stamps will be treated as "Held for Postage." This feature applies to all merchandise, no matter what the weight, and ordinary postage stamps will not be good on merchandise after January first.

All matter sent by parcels post must bear the return card of the sender, otherwise they will not be accepted for mailing.

Weight	1st Zone	2nd Zone	3rd Zone	4th Zone	5th Zone	6th Zone	7th Zone	8th Zone	9th Zone	10th Zone	11th Zone	12th Zone
1 pound	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05
2 pounds	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10
3 pounds	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
4 pounds	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
5 pounds	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
6 pounds	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30
7 pounds	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35
8 pounds	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40
9 pounds	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45	.45
10 pounds	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50
11 pounds	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55	.55
12 pounds	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60

POST OFFICE PATRONS APPRECIATE CHANGE

Stamp Window to Be Left Open While Mail is Being Distributed. Great Convenience For Many.

Patrons of the local postoffice no longer have to wait until the mails are distributed before they can purchase a stamp or money order. It has been the custom to close the general delivery, stamp and money order windows during the distribution of mails. It frequently happens that some patron who is going away or is in a hurry desires to purchase stamps or money order and the wait causes disappointment and inconvenience.

In response to numerous requests the postmaster for the past two weeks has tried the experiment of leaving the windows open at all times. He states that patrons as a rule have been very considerate and have not asked to be waited on during the distribution of mail unless it was absolutely necessary, and that the distribution of mail by reason of the change has not been delayed to any material extent. The patrons apparently appreciate the change and are hoping that the new custom may prove to be a success and may be continued.

CHAP. MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

Following is the list of officers elected and installed in Paw Paw chapter No. 34, R. A. M., Monday evening for the ensuing year: F. N. Wakeman, H. P. E. S. Briggs, K. W. R. Sirrine, S. M. H. Young, C. of B.; Harry Nash, P. S.; E. F. Parks, Treas.; W. C. Y. Ferguson, Sec.; Fred W. Scheneman, R. A. C.; Wm. Thayer, M. 1st V.; C. W. Van Tassel, M. 2nd V.; Willard Warner, M. of 1st V.; C. W. Reynolds, S.

The Salomon party at the Opera House on the 15th of December will be the last opportunity for the sports to repay the young ladies for their good time shown them, during the year of "12."

R. W. BROUGHTON SELLS BUSINESS

One of Paw Paw's Leading Merchants Disposes of Stock to Milwaukee Firm and Will Retire From Business.

R. W. Broughton, who has been one of Paw Paw's leading merchants for the past 30 years has sold his stock of dry goods to a Milwaukee firm who have packed the goods without reducing the stock and shipped it to some other point.

Mr. Broughton and his son, who has been associated with him in the business here, have not as yet made any definite plans for the future, but we understand that they will not leave the mercantile business.

Mr. Broughton has for years been closely identified with the business, social and fraternal spirit of Paw Paw. He has been a valued member of Paw Paw lodge No. 25 F. & A. M. for many years and gained prominence in Masonic circles by being elected to Grand Master of the state. He will leave soon after the first of the year for Laurel, Montana, to visit his son, Dr. Roscoe Broughton, who is a prominent physician of that place.

VISITS FORMER SCENES.

John McLain of Gadsden, South Dakota, was in Paw Paw this week, the guest of David Dillon and other old friends. Mr. McLain was formerly a Van Buren county man, having at one time served as county treasurer. He is a veteran of the civil war and therefore found plenty of his old comrades, and where this is the case it goes without saying that there is always something interesting to talk about. His old home was in Porter.

Why suffer with that awful distress in your stomach? when you can get almost instantaneous relief by my Douglas method. Electric vibratory hand-massage and spinal adjustment when necessary. E. L. Lint, Douglas Healer.